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RE: New Patent Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) for DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MONITORING A DETECTION RANGE ON AN OPERATING TOOL by:

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Sir:

Please find attached hereto an application for patent. It is hereby requested that this application be accorded a filing date pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)(1). Enclosed are:

- English Title page, German language specification, claims and abstract.
- Six (6) sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-7).
- Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 from German Patent Application No. 100 00 287.0-53 filed January 7, 2000, the certified copy of which will follow.

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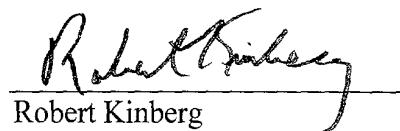
Under revised U.S. Rules of Practice, small entity status is claimed for this application.

An English translation, Declaration executed by the inventors and the required filing fee will be submitted in due course.

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